



February is Black History Month. I encourage everyone to pause and recognize the contributions, challenges, and achievements of African Americans throughout history. It also provides us with the opportunity to learn more about the effects of racism within our society and how it is incumbent upon us to challenge negative stereotypes wherever we encounter them.

Our organization is committed via the 7C's Pledge to treating everyone with dignity and respect, and we must

continue incorporating equity into all of our endeavors. It is more important than ever as we work with the County of San Diego to ensure our residents and essential workers have equal access to vaccinations. I want to again express my gratitude and pride for all our staff who continue to provide exceptional services to our community despite the challenges, thank you.



"I Pledge to Get Vaccinated" Campaign

Last week we announced the City's "[I Pledge to Get Vaccinated](#)" campaign to boost awareness on how to get vaccinated, but to also build trust and confidence in the available vaccines. You may have seen our first public service announcement (PSA) featuring our Fire Department encouraging community members to get vaccinated when they're

eligible. View the first PSA [here](#). We've also created a frame for your social media profile to further increase awareness.

To update your Facebook profile pic, visit the [frame studio](#) and search for "I Pledge to Get Vaccinated." This seemingly small gesture can help build trust in the community as more and more residents see their family, friends and neighbors publicly display their commitment to get vaccinated.

Mobile Vaccination Units

On January 26, the City Council approved an agreement which will allow our Fire Department staff to partner with the County of San Diego to create a mobile vaccination unit focused on administering vaccines to those who may not be able to travel to a vaccination site. This work will begin next week as we receive our first shipment of vaccines for distribution. Select staff in the Fire Department have been trained as vaccinators and our prior history as an effective flu vaccine location has allowed us to move forward quickly with this program.

As part of this program, we will be looking at opportunities to vaccinate our city staff with any surplus that may exist on a rolling basis based on availability and the County's vaccine tier guidelines. Additional information will be provided to staff as we develop the framework for the program, so stay tuned. I encourage all staff to get vaccinated when the opportunity arises.

Vaccine Distribution

Information and details on COVID-19 vaccination sites are available on the County's COVID-19 Vaccine [website](#), including our very own MLK Center. Please sign up you and or your family

members if you fall within the [Phase 1A or 1B tiers](#). The County recognizes that there are still issues with the reservation system due to the demand so please be patient as they work to improve the access and availability of the vaccines countywide.

If you haven't already, please register with myturn.ca.gov. My Turn is where you can find out if it's your turn to get vaccinated and schedule vaccination appointments. If it isn't your turn yet, you can register to be notified when you become eligible.

Summary of February 2 City Council Meeting

At the February 2 City Council meeting, Chief Parra and Barbara Jimenez from the County of San Diego discussed their efforts to implement the necessary infrastructure for vaccine distribution.

SDG&E also provided a presentation on the new electrical vehicle charging stations they will be installing at Las Palmas Park through their "Power Your Drive for Parks" program. This is one more step forward in expanding the electrical vehicle charging network throughout California. You can click [here](#) to learn more about the program.

City Council approved updates to Council Policy 107 (Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees) which will provide a more streamlined process for appointments to Boards and Commissions. Updates to the policy also include a new residency requirement of any Vice-Chair position.

Finally, City Council reviewed a presentation by staff on City owned properties and our long term strategy related to future redevelopment and economic impact of those properties. You can click [here](#) to view the presentation.

February Birthdays

Help me send a birthday wish to the 30 employees celebrating their birthdays this month! Please take a moment to reach out and wish them a very happy & healthy day. [February Birthday List](#)